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SUBJ: SENEGALESE STUDENT STRIKE SETTLED PEACEFULLY

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1. REFTEL AND PREVIOUS MESSAGES REPORTED STUDENT STRIKE IN SENEGAL WHICH BEGAN IN EARLY MARCH IN UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND SPREAD TO OTHER ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, LEADING TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S APRIL 30 DECISION TO TAKE ALL MEASURES NECESSARY TO KEEP CAMPUSES OPEN, INCLUDING INDUCTION INTO ARMY FOR STUDENTS WHO TRIED TO KEEP OTHERS FROM CLASS.

2. WITH TIGHT SECURITY IMPOSED ON CAMPUSES, STUDENTS GRADUALLY RETURNED DURING FOLLOWING WEEKS AND SITUATION WAS BACK TO NORMAL BY LATE MAY. CABINET DIRECTOR IN MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION TOLD PAO THAT 600 OUT OF 900 STUDENTS IN FACULTY OF SCIENCE WHERE STRIKE BEGAN WERE SUSPENDED AS IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO MAKE UP REQUIRED CLASS TIME BY END OF ACADEMIC YEAR. ALL OTHER STUDENTS ARE BACK IN CLASS. GENDARMERIE HAS NOW BEEN REMOVED FROM UNIVERSITY AND LYCEES.

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3. IN CURRENT EDITION, LE POLITICIEN, LOCAL CANARD ENCHAINE-STYLE MONTHLY CALLS SENGHOR'S THREAT TO INDUCT STUDENT TROUBLEMAKERS INTO ARMY "ASTONISHING" MOVE, AND CARRIES CARTOONS OF MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION CAMARA WIELDING AXES AND RIFLES AGAINST STUDENTS. HOWEVER, GOVERNMENT'S PLEDGE OF FIRM ACTION TO KEEP CAMPUSES OPEN PLUS SCRUPULOUS EFFORTS TO AVOID VIOLENCE PROVED DEFT COMBINA-

TION IN DEFUSING SITUATION. GOVERNMENT IS TAKING DEEP PRIDE IN ITS HANDLING OF EPISODE. IN ITS MAY 25 MEETING, CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF GOVERNING PARTI SOCIALISTE TOOK SATISFACTION THAT "THE ENERGETIC MEASURES TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT" HAD SUCCESSFULLY RETURNED UNIVERSITY TO NORMAL. DURING REMARKS IN NICE IN MID-MAY, SENGHOR EXTOLLED THE MERITS OF SENEGALESE DEMOCRACY, ASSERTING THAT "WE DON'T HAVE POLITICAL PRISONERS, AND THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE STUDENTS WERE ABLE TO GO ON STRIKE WITHOUT GETTING SENT TO PRISON FOR IT."

4. MEANWHILE, 15-YEAR POST-GRADUATE GOVERNMENT-SERVICE OBLIGATION FOR FULL-SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS IN FACULTY OF SCIENCE REMAINS IN FORCE AS GOVERNMENT POLICY.
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